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In re Patent Application of

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) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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) Group Art Unit: 3736
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) Examiner: JONATHAN M. FOREMAN
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

A Notice of Reasons for Refusal was issued in Japanese Application No. 2003-156010 upon which this application claims priority. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Reasons for Refusal and an English language translation. The documents cited in the Notice of Reasons for refusal are cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

A Notice of Reasons for Refusal was also issued in Japanese Application No. 2002354233 which pertains to related subject matter. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Reasons for Refusal and an English language translation. The documents cited in the Notice of Reasons for refusal are cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

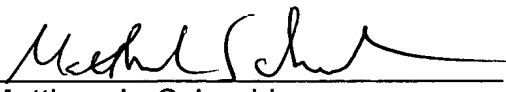
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